Production and Demand of Gold

2836. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production and value of gold in the country;

(b) what is the total annual requirement of gold in the country;

(c) what is the total value of import of gold; and

(d) what is the total reserve of gold in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Primary gold in the country is produced by Hutti Gold Mines Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking of State Government of Karnataka. However gold is also recovered as by-product by Hindustan Copper Limited (Central Public Sector Undertaking) and Indo Gulf Corporation Limited (in private sector) who are producers of copper. The total production of gold including recovery as by product in the country during the last three years and its approximate value are given in the following table:

Year	Quantity (In Kg.)	Value (Rs in crore)
1999-2000	2586	114
2000-2001	7712	344
2001-2002	10251	469

(b) There are no firm estimates of requirement of gold in the country.

(c) The quantum of gold imported into India during the last three financial years and its approximate value are given below in the following table:

Year	Quantity (In tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crore)
1999-2000	558.91	24542
2000-2001	583.72	26070
2001-2002	488.358	22365

(d) The total recoverable reserves of gold in the country as on 1.4.2000 are placed at 19,751 thousand tonnes containing 88 tonnes of gold metal.

Cases of Fire and Accidents in Coal Mines

†2837. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of fire and accidents in coal mines/ headquarters have increased during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details of losses to life and property particularly in respect of Bihar; and

(c) what are the details of measures taken to avert these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The number of fire accidents in coal mines of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) during the years 2000 and 2001 were as under:

Company	2000 (Prov.)	2001 (Prov.)
ECL	5	9
BCCL	2	2
CCL	0	0
NCL	0	0
WCL	3	1
SECL	0	0
MCL	1	1
NEC OF CIL	0	0
TOTAL (CIL)	11	13
SCCL	1	0

In addition, there was an incident of fire in BCCL headquarters at Koyla Bhawan in 2001.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.